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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF ENFIELD,

INCLUDING ALSO THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1869.

LEBANON:

OFFICE OF GRANITE STATE FREE PRESS—E. H. CHENEY.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the Auditors for the Town of Enfield for the year ending Feb. 20th, 1869, having examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and Overseer of the Poor, find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and submit the following Report:

MARK PURMORT,	} Auditors.
JAMES HUSE,	
NATH'L E. HUNTOON,	

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following sums of Money:

Cash and Vouchers of last year's Treasurer,	\$3,642.27	
Savings Bank Tax,	63.80	
Railroad Tax,	907.05	
Literary Fund,	83.70	
United States Bounty,	400.00	
A. C. Fifield, sale of property on Town Farm,	54.00	
A. C. Fifield, on Tax Bill of 1867,	215.11	
J. C. Pattee's Note,	129.73	
G. W. Johnson, Liquor Agent,	46.50	
E. C. Chandler, Liquor Agent,	142.41	
A. C. Fifield, Collector,	8773.02	
Selectmen,	5547.27	
		\$20,004.86

C. G. MORGAN, Town Treasurer charges the Town with Cash paid out at various times as follows:

James Huse, Auditor,	5 00
C. G. Morgan, Auditor,	5 00
John Brockway, note,	100 57
John Brockway, note,	245 59
John Brockway, note,	606 63
Ellen N. Strachan, note,	157 55
Nath'l Purmort, endorsed on note,	35 00
Ira S. Gile, note,	123 50
D. Goodrich, work on road,	50

Alfred Huse, abatement on tax,	10 20
Harvey Washburn, plank and breaking road,	15 00
N. S. Holt, work on bridge,	5 67
Ira G. Webster, breaking road,	15 24
S. P. Follansbee, road damage,	5 00
John Jones, work on bridge,	5 00
John C. Dresser, breaking road,	2 04
D. L. Tilton, labor,	1 00
Ira G. Webster, breaking road,	6 28
Ellen N. Patterson, note,	115 20
Henry Russell, 2 notes,	605 60
William Washburn, Overseer of Poor,	55 00
John Cogswell, note,	124 45
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	4 50
Samuel A. Currier, note,	155 00
	\$2,404.52

The above amounts paid out by Wm. Huse, former Treasurer.

CASH PAID OUT—CONTINUED.

Paid J. H. Stevens, work on road,	25 00
Wm. Washburn, Overseer of the Poor,	150 00
L. Day, on note,	500 00
S R. Godfrey, note taken up,	1032 00
Joshua Stevens, damage on road,	10 00
E. H. Cheney, printing reports,	33 00
L. Day, on note,	200 00
L. Day, balance of note,	521 30
Leonard Woodbury, on note,	50 00
George Goodhue, work on road,	8 00
John H. Morse, Calvin Gage note,	864 85
H. W. Truel, breaking road,	11 28
William Washburn, Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
Daniel L. Smith, note,	883 50
Wallace Putnam, note,	317 40
William Washburn, Overseer of Poor,	100 00
J. H. Stevens, work on road,	20 00
S. Hadley, Sarah C. Dwinell's note,	352 24
Nathaniel Howe, on note,	60 00
W. C. Smith, Alfred Huse note,	112 77
Hiram Purmort, breaking road,	16 05
Maria P. Pattee, note,	176 94
County Tax,	1389 26
Emeline Webster, on note,	50 00
Thomas Burnham, 2 notes,	426 50
Mary F. Smith, note taken up,	59 55
H. W. Tibbetts, blacksmith work,	21 98
Leonard Woodbury, balance on note,	114 86

Samuel E. Follansbee, breaking road,	17 84
Thomas Burnham, note taken up,	268 87
C. H. Leavitt, note taken up,	118 10
O. P. Leavitt, do.,	222 34
G. W. Worthen, Moses P. Perley note,	271 70
Hiram Purmort, interest on note,	100 89
Mary F. Smith, interest on note,	61 80
Peter Sanborn, State Tax,	3112 50
Philip Sargent, work and lumber,	10 05
A. C. Lovejoy, labor and plank on bridge,	6 00
John M. Barber, running town line,	1 50
Uri Perley, endorsed on note,	400 00
Elihu Foster, work and lumber on road,	26 60
James Worthen, endorsed on note,	500 00
James Worthen, endorsed on note,	200 00
James Worthen, balance on note,	337 27
Ira Coveland, lumber,	3 30
V. J. Hartshorn, services Sup. School Committee,	75 00
A. R. Putnam, damage to wagon,	7 50
Wm. Wilson, work on road,	25 35
Wyman Pattee, 2 years' office rent,	18 00
John J. Walbridge, endorsed on note,	100 00
Samuel Stevens, water trough,	2 00
Henry Morse, lumber,	5 06
Thomas J. Colby, interest on note,	30 00
Hial Follansbee, work on road,	1 00
C. L. Clark, use of water trough,	2 00
Webster Currier, use of water trough,	2 00
Philip Sargent, breaking road,	24 60
Lewis J. Pillsbury, breaking road,	9 71
G. W. Winship, breaking road and lumber,	23 79
A. P. Howe, breaking road,	10 44
Eli Story, breaking road,	48 85
Lorenzo Currier, breaking road,	12 48
Samuel Currier, abatement and work on road,	22 31
David Noyes, abatement on tax,	1 52
Frank B. Morse, work on road,	1 25
Calvin Gage, abatement and use of water trough,	2 91
Wm. S. Cochran, breaking road,	25 28
H. White, breaking road and abatement,	12 95
Mark P. Burnham, work on road and lumber,	17 83
Leonard Woodbury, work on road,	4 00
Blake & Lovejoy, lumber,	13 44
John C. Dresser, interest on note,	6 00
John C. Dresser, breaking roads,	11 84
John Emerson, breaking roads,	16 72
J. H. Stevens, work on Stony Brook road,	75 52
Ai Washburn, lumber,	3 00

Wm. Washburn, work on road,	2 90
Edward Story, repairs on Town House,	2 50
Philip Church, use water trough,	2 00
Benj. P. Nichols, damage on sleigh,	5 00
Wm. C. Smith, use water trough,	2 00
H. B. Jones, breaking roads,	8 04
John W. Johnson, plank and work on road,	17 86
T. E. Fernald, work on roads and lumber,	42 48
Wm. Washburn, Overseer of Poor,	229 22
E. C. Eastman, stationery,	5 00
J. F. Bryant, services as Town Clerk,	25 00
A. C. Fifield, abatements Tax Bill 1867,	56 21
A. C. Fifield, abatements Tax Bill 1868,	66 56
A. C. Fifield, expense collecting Bank Tax,	7 44
A. C. Fifield, services as Collector,	100 00
A. C. Ffield, services as Selectman,	70 00
A. C. Fifield, expense col. check, Valley Bank,	1 00
A. C. Lovejoy, services as Selectman,	75 00
H. M. Pattee, services laying road,	1 25
Henry Cummings, lumber and work on road,	32 01
D. H. Stevens, lumber and work on road,	28 64
Wm. Washburn, Overseer of Poor,	645 47
Wm. Washburn, services,	65 00
	\$15,368 17

PAID SCHOOL MONEY.

C. Houston,	District No. 1,	\$297 94
Harry Huse,	District No. 2,	76 37
Horace Jones,	District No. 3,	70 30
Mark P. Burnham,	District No. 4,	105 41
O. Coon,	District No. 6,	83 63
A. B. Butman,	District No. 7,	81 21
T. K. Carlton,	District No. 9,	101 78
G. Jackman,	District No. 10,	78 79
Mark Purmort,	District No. 11,	159 93
J. K. Davis,	District No. 12,	80 00
S. E. Follansbee,	District No. 14,	75 16
Elihu Foster,	District No. 15,	109 59
A. P. Howe,	District No. 16,	73 95
F. E. Fernald,	District No. 17,	96 94
Orville Dyer,	District No. 18,	123 50
William Wilson,	District No. 13,	92 10
Springfield,		4 54
Plainfield,		4 70
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		\$1,707,06
		525,11
		\$20,004,86

Paul J. G. + Mary Maria Oyer

NOTES REPORTED LAST YEAR WITH INTEREST ADDED.

Thomas Currier,	401 74	Uri Perley,	1012 70
Mrs. James Stevens,	119 10	Hiram Purmort,	367 48
John J. Webster,	119 10	Mary A. Seabrin,	137 83
Dolly Green,	267 97	Eben Gile,	281 00
Philip Huntoon,	416 85	Betsey A. Barnard,	234 17
Clementine Beardsdell,	387 30	Nancy W. Jones,	80 94
Phebe Flanders,	119 10	Mrs. E. Johnson,	666 58
James Currier,	119 10	Mrs. R. Codman,	517 54
C. Goodhue,	664 16	Miss D. Green,	147 19
Julia Withington,	59 55	T. J. Colby,	199 72
John J. Webster,	178 65	J. C. Pattee,	133 81
Lewis Paddleford,	119 10	Alba Jones,	468 37
Luther Howe,	189 36	Betsey Goodrich,	213 34
B. C. Leach,	385 88	Abiah Clough,	160 92
B. C. Leach,	421 97	B. C. Leach,	401 45
Leonard Woodbury,	357 30	Thomas Webster,	93 92
B. F. Leach,	119 10	G. W. Currier,	378 73
John S. Morgan,	168 54	Nathaniei Howe,	501 80
Mary Emerson,	905 42	Abigail Blake,	378 73
Ann E. Stevens,	112 36	W. M. Baker,	315 41
James Currier,	224 72	J. F. Jones,	126 24
F. O. Thompson,	337 27	George W. Currier,	185 12
John S. Morgan,	112 36	Mason Burnham,	63 12
Nathaniel Purmort,	337 18	Emily E. Jones,	126 24
E. W. Gove,	337 18	Meriam Currier,	63 12
Leonard Woodbury,	280 90	Thomas W. Currier,	176 73
Lewis Currier,	112 36	Benjamin Blake,	757 47
James Currier,	224 72	B. F. Leach,	410 30
Eunice Dresser,	87 64	Luther Howe,	467 11
Sally Clark,	1011 24	Wyman J. Huse,	119 10
Henry Shepard,	979 79	Emeline Webster,	877 91
Louisa J. Howe,	56 18	Levina Bean,	252 49
A. B. Proctor,	1123 60	Hiram L. Sleeper,	126 24
Sally Clark,	1235 96	Thomas J. Webster,	441 86
Mary F. Smith,	511 80	Lydia Fay,	189 36
James P. Farnham,	674 16	Mary A. Church,	63 12
Betsey A. Truell,	154 77	B. F. Leach,	252 49
Lewis Cogswell,	793 14	John S. Stevens,	75 73
B. F. Leach,	870 79	Mrs. Edna Morgan,	272 63
Mary A. Huse,	235 52	Mary A. Seabrin,	148 64
Joseph A. Gould,	141 83	J. Patterson,	568 10
Henry Currier,	326 23	Lewis Cogswell,	631 23
B. F. Leach,	354 61	J. C. Dresser,	84 80
John C. Goodhue,	567 38	Jane R. Bean,	212 00
G. W. Murray,	405 67	W. M. Baker,	424 00
William Huse,	425 53	B. F. Leach,	954 00

N. P. Purmort,	401 45	B. F. Leach,	424 00
John C. Dresser,	100 00	Louisa Kidder,	106 00
Lydia Colby,	53 00	Lydia J. Colby,	53 00
Huldah Currier,	318 00	Adeline Woodbury,	530 00
Sylvester Jones,	318 00	Abijah Emerson,	689 00
Nancy Jones,	106 00	Choice Bucklin,	190 12
B. C. Leach,	212 00	James Currier,	419 76
G. W. Murray,	318 00	L. W. Gordon,	238 50
Eli Story,	424 00	T. J. Colby,	500 00
Allen Burnham,	265 00		
Whole amount,			<u>\$37,882.79</u>

NOTES GIVEN SINCE LAST REPORT.

Harvey Washburn,	700 00	B. F. Leach,	165 00
Wyman Pattee, G'dn,	1000 00	Adeline Cogswell,	150 00
Choice Bucklin,	60 00	Charles Kelley,	50 00
James Bucklin,	50 00	Charles Kelley,	50 00
Eli Story,	350 00	Ann E. Stevens,	100 00
John Walbridge,	400 00	Meriah Pattee,	100 00
H. D. Heath,	974 35	Henry A. Nichols,	300 00
Amos Kidder,	100 00	Alamando Bucklin,	100 00
James Worthen,	237 27	James Bucklin,	100 00
Mary A. Conant,	600 00	Lizzie Webster,	200 00
Charles Kelley,	70 00	B. F. Leach,	354 11
W. C. Atwell,	185 00	B. F. Leach,	50 00
Whole amount,			<u>\$6,545.73</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by Treasurer,	\$20,004.86
Discharges himself as follows :	
State and County Tax,	\$ 4,501 76
School Tax,	1,707 06
Paid on Notes,	10,664 40
Repairing Highways and Bridges,	318 33
Abatement of Taxes, 1867,	56 21
Miscellaneous Bills,	2,163 77
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	525 11
Abatements of Taxes, 1868.	68 22
	<u>\$20,004.86</u>

LIABILITIES OF TOWN.

Notes given since last Report, interest not included,	6,545.73
Notes reported last year, with interest added,	37,882.79
	<u>\$44,428.52</u>

AVAILABILITIES.

Due from United States Government,	\$1,937 00	
G. W. Johnson,	84 38	
E. C. Chandler,	198 07	
From County,	454 63	
In hands of Collector,	1,644 60	
John W. Johnson's note,	798 18	
D. Sullivan,	56 18	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	525 11	
		\$5,698.15

Liabilities. \$38,730.37

We find notes to the amount of \$1,383.67 not reported last year, but were reported when given.

Overseer's Report.

The Overseer charges himself as follows:

Cash of the Town of Gilmanton,	45 63	
Cash of the Town of Grafton,	28 85	
Cash of the County of Grafton,	542 01	
Cash of the Town of Alexandria,	39 16	
For David Heath's cow,	53 50	
For David Heath's Goods,	32 00	
Cash of Town Treasurer,	1279 69	
		\$2,020.84

The Overseer discharges himself as follows:

Paid for the support of David Heath & wife,	\$372 95	
Solomon Choate,	135 85	
Judith Day,	104 00	
Sylvester Colby's boys,	60 75	
Jane Stevens,	58 71	
Celia Senate,	92 90	
Mrs. Samuel Bronson,	88 00	
John Moody,	92 49	
Matilda Mary,	86 08	
Elisha Kidder,	26 88	
Paid Insane Asylum for Thomas Whitmore,	232 99	
House of Reformation, Morse & Tatro,	78 00	
		\$1,429.60

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A. C. Fifield, taking statements,	\$ 6 00	
S. R. Sweet, serving notice on Orange,	3 00	
Town Clerks, for examining records,	5 73	
Wm. Washburn, expense to Haverhill,	15 00	
“ “ team and expense,	25 75	
“ “ bill for stationery and stamps,	5 00	
L. B. Wood and Thurston,	1 65	
		\$62.13

EXPENSE OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

B. L. Thurston,	\$45 63	
Mrs. Taney,	28 85	
		\$74.48

EXPENSE OF COUNTY POOR.

G. W. Fisher,	\$ 71 19	
James Bennet,	21 55	
Joseph Vatney,	12 97	
Hannah Annis,	30 03	
Mary Kelley,	24 20	
Daniel Flanders,	19 43	
Mrs. Mary Temple,	114 71	
Transient Persons,	72 55	
Solomon Choate,	88 00	
		\$ 454.63
		\$2,020.84

RECAPITULATION.

Received of the County of Grafton,	\$ 542 01	
“ “ other towns,	113 64	
“ “ David Heath,	85 50	
“ “ Town Treasurer,	1 279 69	
		\$2,020.84
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Paid for Town Poor,	\$1 429 60	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	62 13	
Other Towns,	74 48	
County Poor,	454 63	
		\$2,020.84

E. C. Chandler's Report as Liquor Agent.

By amount of sales,	\$910 08	
Liquors on hand,	198 07	
Bbbs. and other fixtures,	8 00	
		\$1,116.15
To liquors received Feb. 15th, 1868,	\$241 47	
By purchase during the year,	664 27	
Bbbs. and other fixtures,	8 00	
Agent's salary,	60 60	
		\$973.74
Paid the Selectmen,		\$142 41
Cash in hands of Agent,		142 41
Liquors on hand less than in 1868,		43 40
Profits,		\$ 99.01
Invoice of liquors and fixtures on hand,		198.07

G. W. Johnson's Report as Liquor Agent.

Amount of liquors and kegs sold,	\$813 36	
Paid out,	716 21	
Profits on sales,	\$97.15	
Liquors and fixtures on hand more than last year,	1.35	
	\$98.50	
Services as agent,	52.00	
Paid the Selectmen,	\$46.50	
Amount of Liquors on hand,	84.38	

"Report of the Financial Affairs of the Town
of Enfield, Including also the Report of the
Superintending School Committee for the year
Ending March 1869"

F. C. Chandler's Report as Auditor Agent

School Report.

DIST. No. 1.—NORTH ENFIELD.

First Department.—Summer Term. Taught by Lois M. Leavitt, who devoted herself to her work. Good progress was made in the studies pursued, and yet as regards strict order and prevailing enthusiasm, the school was below the true standard. In justice to the teacher, of such conscientious faithfulness, it should be said that this state of things is the result, largely, of previous and external causes. Many withhold their patronage, which works great injury; for such take but little interest in the welfare of the school, and also, those who do attend, cannot feel much regard for a school, for which many others seem to have none. Popularity has the same effect here, as in other relations. The school needs reconstruction.

The Winter Term, in charge of Miss Annette Kimball, passed with unusual quietness. Improvement over other terms was made in some respects, and I judge the teacher was in no way remiss in duty. But former unfavourable causes still exist, and bring forth their wonted results.

Second Department—Summer Term.—Miss M. A. Cummings, Teacher. Not having been able to attend the final examination, I can only say, that the deep interest and earnest endeavors of the teacher warrant the conclusion that good service was rendered.

Winter.—Mary E. Wilmarth, Teacher. The scholars this term learned a great deal, full enough for their age. They were inspired with much energy. The teacher possesses superior qualities for her work. A higher order of discipline was the serious defect. Great caution should be used in this school, lest too much be put upon the pupils. *A little and well* should be the rule. Is not one half of the day as long as these little ones can be safely confined in the school room?

DIST. No. 2.—SHAKER HILL.

Summer.—Mary E. Pulsifer, Teacher. Sickness prevented my being present at the close. Judging from the first visit and the impressions of those interested, the teacher performed these her last earthly labors with faithfulness and satisfaction to all.

Winter.—Mrs. Georgianna Little, Teacher. In every respect an excellent school. Order perfect. Method of instruction thorough. The examination in several branches—and that conducted without tedious questions—showed much familiarity with those studies. Considerable attention was paid to Penmanship.

DIST. No. 3.—JONES HILL.

But one term.—Teacher, Emma Harris. She did her work well. I saw no deficiency on her part. It is to be feared that the minds of some of the scholars were diverted by things outside the school room.

DIST. No. 4.—EAST VILLAGE.

Both Terms taught By Ella McDaniel. I feel no hesitation in pronouncing this an interesting and profitable school. The services of the teacher should satisfy all. This school is a treasure. Let the parents guard it with deep interest. I commend the attention paid to History. Penmanship has been sadly neglected in other years as well as this. Will not the scholars awake in this matter?

DIST. No. 6.—EAST HILL.

Summer.—Eva Pressey, Teacher. The result of this term as appeared in the examination was on the whole satisfactory. Good improvement was made in Penmanship. It deserves credit. Attention was successfully given to the useful practice of Composition Writing. The single pupil in written Arithmetic present at the examination, gave evidence of a clear knowledge of that branch. The closing miscellaneous exercises I would commend. The success of a school is not to be judged of by its defects, since they are to be found in all human affairs.

Winter.—Mr. W. W. Drew, Teacher. Entire satisfaction was given. There was evidence of good order and careful instruction.—The neatness of the schoolroom was agreeable.

DIST. No. 7.—OAK HILL.

Summer.—Sarah Haskins, Teacher. The success of this term surpassed my expectations. Order was good. Progress was made, and with thoroughness. The subject of Spelling received more than usual attention. It is a pleasure to say confidently, that this was a profitable term.

Winter.—Marcella M. Nichols, Teacher. This is an interesting school. Their general knowledge of the common branches is beyond the average, and very pleasing. This term, whatever may have been its defects, was in a good degree profitable. In regard to the alleged wrong doings of the teacher, it can do no good to speak here, further than to commend the scholars for acting their part well, so far as I know.

DIST. No. 9.—CAMBRIDGEVILLE.

Summer.—Georgianna Harris, Teacher. She conducted this school with characteristic decision and thoroughness. The progress made, though not calculated for display, was solid and substantial.

Winter.—Jennie M. Tilton taught eight weeks of the school. The large company of intelligent and most promising scholars, has been

looked upon with delight, and their progress observed with deep interest. Great, then, was the sorrow and disappointment to see the school scattered to the winds. There is connected with such an event a sadly demoralizing effect. I submit the following statement: The general education of the teacher was beyond the average. Four visits to the school discovered no more than ordinary defects. The teacher was earnest and many classes learning fast. No notice was given to the Committee of the reported condition of the school, until after a general desertion occurred. A little inquiry proved that many of the rumors had scarcely a shadow of truth in them. And the conclusion on the part of the Committee is that had the teacher been reasonably sustained by the district, and the proper course been pursued, the school might have been measurably successful. When evil reports of a school arise, their truthfulness should be inquired into, and if found to be correct, the lawful and just remedy can be applied. Herein I think a grave mistake was made in the present case. After the close of the school, under Miss Tilton, Julie E. Flanders taught a few weeks in a quiet and profitable way.

DIST. NO. 10.—GEORGE HILL.

Summer—Lucy A. Washburn, Teacher. This term was but four weeks in length, and the Committee received no notice of its close.

Winter.—Selina D. Pettengill, Teacher. Whispering on the part of some at the examination was annoying and bad. These worthy pupils must guard against any letting down of their former high standard of deportment and scholarship. The appearance of the school at the examination was very satisfactory, except the faults above named. The progress made in Spelling and Definition, and the general knowledge of Geography exhibited, were gratifying. Is not Penmanship neglected here?

DIST. NO. 11.—CENTRE VILLAGE.

Miss Delia M. Yeaton, Teacher, each Term. I will not undertake to point out the many merits of this school. They are known and need not be enumerated. Suffice it to say that this has been a model school, far in advance of others. I cannot express my delight in witnessing the progress of this band of earnest, refined, noble scholars. The town may be justly proud of this school. Its influence for good can hardly be measured. The praise due teacher and scholars is a matter of easy inference.

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DIST. NO. 12.—NORTH END.

Both terms taught by Emma Harris. It is a matter of great satisfaction that this school has come into a state, which must fully meet the wishes of all concerned. The discipline, in kind and degree, was of the highest order; just what *ought* and *could* be, in every school, if teachers would but demand it. The scholars went over as much ground as desirable, and that thoroughly. The teacher deserves

credit for unsparing faithfulness and rigid effort. Evident pains were taken in Penmanship. I think the neatness of the schoolroom deserves mention. Considering the state of the school a year ago, a great victory has been won. All praise is due the teacher, for her acceptable services, and to the scholars for their obedience and diligence.

DIST. No. 13.—CHURCH FAMILY, SHAKERS.

Summer.—Teachers, Clotilda Kempton and Julia Russell. I cannot speak in too high terms of praise of this school. It was complete in all respects. The spelling book was not studied in the old way alone, but critically in all its parts. The exercises in mental and written Arithmetic were of a high order. A class in Anatomy and Physiology gained a fair knowledge of that useful branch.

Winter.—James Russell, Teacher. The school this term consisted of an entirely different class of scholars. The teacher worked with quiet energy, and on the principle that *what is worth doing at all, is worth doing well*. He taught a profitable school. His Penmanship is superior. In this branch the scholars are far in advance of those in any other of our winter schools.

DISTRICT No. 14.—E. W. GOVE'S.

Summer.—Nellie H. Choate, Teacher. I am happy to pronounce the order of this term good, and the school every way satisfactory.—The character of this school has rapidly improved for the two past years, and is now in good condition. It is far too good for its accommodations.

Fall.—Jennie M. Tilton, Teacher. The order appeared good. The scholars were alive with animation. The examination showed that the term had been one of value.

Winter.—Lucena M. Talbert, Teacher. The school closed without the knowledge of the Committee, which ought not to be if possible. I can only say that the strict and thorough manner of the teacher at my first visit made a favorable impression as to her fitness for her work.

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DIST. No. 15.—WEST ENFIELD.

Summer.—Elsie M. Baker, Teacher. Sickness prevented my attendance at the close, but, judging from the appearance at my first visit, and the efficiency of the teacher, the result must have been satisfactory.

Winter.—F. W. Davison, Teacher. This school is rapidly improving in condition. Its appearance this term was excellent. The Reading classes gave evidence of careful and right instruction. Shall not more attention be given to Penmanship? The teacher did his duty in enforcing obedience, and its pleasant effects were manifest at my final visit.

DIST. No. 16.—A. P. How's.

But one Term. Taught by Eva Gove. The three pupils who composed this school, were evidently earnest and diligent. Their progress was beyond the medium. The teacher is thorough in her method of instruction; a qualification which every teacher should seek to acquire.

DIST. No. 17.—SOUTH END.

Amelia R. Dresser, Teacher both Terms. This school is answering its design, from year to year, in a degree truly gratifying. The pupils have evidently been dutiful and diligent. The attention given to Letter Writing is creditable, and should be encouraged. The teacher merits the approbation of all. The evident interest in the school of the Prudential Committee deserves mention.

DIST. No. 18.—BARKER FAMILY, SHAKERS.

Both Terms were taught by Sally Ann Tucker, who is by no means behind younger teachers in thoroughness, energy and originality. It is not too much to say that both terms were of great profit. Every branch studied was thoroughly taught. The class in Geography in the winter term did nobly. The scholars were young, and backward at the opening of the school, but they advanced beyond my expectations. Diligence and close application on the part of the teacher and pupils, alone could have secured such results.

The foregoing reports are claimed to be honest if not correct statements of the condition of the schools named. It is with schools, as with men, if judged of by their *faults* alone, all must be condemned. Their good qualities are to be taken into the account. Considering that ours are mixed country schools, contending with great disadvantages, I see not how one can conclude otherwise than that they have been as profitable as one reasonably could expect. Many of our teachers have been inexcusable for not having strict order, which, in all our schools, could have been secured, if it had been demanded with determination. Most of the common school teachers are defective in education. The quantity is sufficient but the quality is often poor. They generally lack a critical, thorough, knowledge of the first principles of the branches which they teach. It is the result, to a great degree, of a careless education, and not of deficient intellect. Citizens have taken an interest in visiting their schools, as will appear by consulting the annexed table.

My services as Committee may have been of little value, but I have spared neither time nor pains in attending to the schools.

The kind consideration of Prudential Committees, Teachers, Scholars and Parents, in their several relations to the Superintending Committee, is sincerely appreciated.

V. J. HARTSHORNE,
Superintending School Committee.

Enfield Feb. 23, 1869.

TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

No. District.	TERMS.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages of Teacher, including board.	No. of Scholars.	Aver'e attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	No. not absent 1-2 day.	No. of visits by citizens.
1	Summer—1st Dep't.	12	\$19	31	24	140	1	—
	Winter—1st “	12	20	36	31	228	1	34
	Summer—2d “	12	18	37	30	52	3	28
	Winter—2d “	12 ^m	30	36	30	86	—	30
2	Summer.	9	17	7	9	0	2	5
	Winter.	8	22	14	12	25	3	22
3	Fall.	11	20	7	5	40	0	43
4	Summer.	10	13	19	14	142	1	16
	Winter.	11	24	30	25	207	4	17
6	Summer.	10	20	14	11	13	0	14
	Winter.	10	32	14	11	131	1	3
7	Summer.	6	15	9	7	19	0	18
	Winter.	10	—	11	10	—	0	11
9	Summer.	8 ^m	26	24	22	25	4	41
	Winter.	11 ^m	28	30	22	13	2	47
10	Summer.	4	20	13	11	20	1	6
	Winter.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	16	15	27	1	10
11	Summer.	10	28	35	28	6	12	48
	Fall.	9	31	28	25	7	10	25
	Winter.	7	32	27	25	3	10	16
12	Summer.	10	18	12	9	13	1	54
	Winter.	9	28	19	15	3	6	33
13	Summer.	15	—	23	—	—	—	—
	Winter.	15	—	13	—	—	—	—
14	Summer.	10	21	12	11	26	7	12
	Fall.	10	21	12	11	5	1	14
	Winter.	6	9	4	4	0	0	5
15	Summer.	9	9	19	16	8	3	23
	Winter.	11	—	26	23	7	4	29
16	Winter.	12	10	4	3	8	1	0
17	Summer.	9	19	14	10	55	1	7
	Winter.	12	22	19	14	54	0	7
18	Summer.	12	No wages	—	—	—	—	—
	Winter.	12	reported.	—	—	—	—	—

See F. B. Thompson's

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